



## Abstract / Interactive Workshop Submission Guidelines

### RIVERSYMPIOSIUM OVERVIEW

The International *Riversymposium* is the preeminent international river management conference.

Attended by leading scientists, community groups, government agencies and corporate leaders from over 25 nations, the *Riversymposium* is the ultimate river and water management conference where the latest thinking and proven solutions are explored and debated.

### SUBMISSION THEMES

#### 2012 Theme – Rivers in a Rapidly Urbanising World

##### **A river runs through it: designing river cities**

- a. From drought to deluge: planning our cities and disaster resilience
- b. Creating water sensitive cities
- c. Urban adaptation: planning for climate change
- d. Water for life: water quality and public health
- e. Future-proof: millennium development goals
- f. Not just a river: planning for environmental needs, spiritual needs and more

##### **River health: healthy rivers, healthy economies, healthy people**

- a. Assessing river health
- b. Surface tension: trading and offsets to manage river pollution
- c. Finding the balance: environmental flows and water trading
- d. What lies beneath: spiritual and cultural flows
- e. Natural choices: green infrastructure in aquatic ecosystems
- f. Nature's gifts: enhancing ecosystem services

##### **River ecology: beneath the surface**

- a. City life: urban impacts on aquatic biodiversity
- b. Climate zones: managing our diverse rivers
- c. Nature's nurseries: managing wetlands and lakes
- d. On the edge: managing estuaries and coastlines
- e. Surface water, groundwater relationships
- f. Going with the flow: managing island rivers

##### **River knowledge: tools and techniques for action**

- a. Science strategies and management frameworks
- b. Using technology and modelling
- c. Linking research to decisions and policies
- d. Traditional knowledge and wisdom in river management
- e. State of being: river health communication

### **River pressures: pathways to sustainability**

- a. River nexus: water, energy, food, biodiversity
- b. Juggling act: managing the multiple river uses
- c. River business: building the case for multiple rivers users
- d. Tides of change: market-based approaches for river restoration

### **River partnerships: integrating people, governance and policy**

- a. River governance law and policy frameworks
- b. River alliances: public private partnerships
- c. Working together: stakeholder collaboration, effective partnerships
- d. Talking rivers: dialogues and diplomacy
- e. Informing decision-making: communicating river science to stakeholders

## **ABSTRACT / INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Abstract / Interactive Workshops can **ONLY** be **CONSIDERED** by following the steps below –

1. Read the **Abstract / Interactive Workshop Submission Guidelines** carefully ensure you are aware of your obligations
2. Prepare your abstract in the MS Word template
3. Complete the online **Abstract Submission Form** on our website – [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com)
4. Complete the online **Official Copyright Release** on the online abstract submission form
5. Attach **ABSTRACT, PHOTO AUTHOR/S and INTRODUCTION DETAILS** as requested

### **Oral or Poster Presentation**

Please submit a 200 word abstract summary that clearly portrays outcomes. The process and positive achievements of research and planning that has already been implemented should be a key factor and we encourage you to share your achievements and practical experience where possible.

### **Interactive workshop**

Please include a 200 word summary of your proposal, expected learning outcomes for participants, likely duration, training methods or approach and experience of presenters.

**Saving of Abstract** - Save WORD DOC with file name as: LAST NAME\_Firstname\_Abtract (e.g. SMITH\_William\_Abtract)

**Title of Abstract / Workshop** to appear in program should be limited to 10 words maximum.

**Abstract Summary / Interactive Workshop Proposal** is a maximum of 200 words, no paragraphs, no dot points, no numbering. This should be a snapshot and general overview of your extended abstract and paper.

### **Extended Abstract Guidelines (Optional for oral / poster)**

MAXIMUM 4 pages, all paragraphs must start on a new line after a line of space and should be submitted with your 200 word abstract summary on the abstract template. Where possible, it would be appreciated if you can provide an extended abstract which is a shortened and more concise version of a full paper and is aimed at providing the *Riversymposium* committee with a better understanding of the work. Providing an extended abstract gives those evaluating the suitability of your paper a better understanding of your work.

**Allocated Time**

The specific session and timing of your presentation will not be decided until the final program has been released. However you guaranteed to be presenting **8 – 11 October 2012**

**Estimated length of a presentation will be approximately 12 mins** to ensure adequate discussion time in concurrent sessions.

**For interactive workshops**, the recommended time is 90 minutes but this is dependent on the content and format, which will be discussed by the *Riversymposium* committee.

## SELECTION PROCESS

**Criteria**

Abstracts will be rated based on the following criteria

- Relevance to *Riversymposium* theme and objectives
- Clarity of presentation
- Contribution of new knowledge or practical models to the field
- Demonstrated awareness of previous work related to the topic

**Notification**

You will be notified by 27 April 2012 if your paper has been accepted. Notification regarding acceptance of the abstracts will be emailed to the submitting author.

The number of abstracts received considerably outnumbers the program places available and papers that are considered of major significance may be offered the opportunity to present a poster instead.

The program committee may edit your work with your approval however it is critical that it has been checked carefully for grammar, spelling and technical correctness.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Privacy Amendment Act 2001, we advise that information provided in completing the Abstract Submission form will be held in a database on a secure server by the *Riversymposium*.

## KEY DATES

**27 February 2012** - Abstract submission closes (there will be NO extensions to this date)

**27 April 2012** - Notification of acceptance into program

**11 July 2012** - Early bird registration closes

## CONDITIONS OF PRESENTING

1. All presenting authors **must register by the Earlybird deadline of 11 July 2012** to attend at least one day of *Riversymposium* and must have **paid their fee in full prior to the event**
2. All travel and accommodation for presenting authors is **at your own expense** and *Riversymposium* is not in a position to contribute to this. Limited funding is available for delegates from developing countries – guidelines are available on the website and **an application can and must be made only at the time of submitting an abstract.**
3. Any presentations abstract/training proposal without one registered presenter or correspondence explaining the specific circumstances resulting in this may be withdrawn from the program
4. Normal delegate cancellation fees will apply if a presenter cancels
5. Standard audio visual is provided for all sessions (microphone, lectern, data projector, screen, laptop). Any additional requirements must be listed on the Abstract submission form
6. Material presented must be based on the authors own original material
7. Presentations will be recorded to be made available via the website along with suitable audio visual

## CONTACT DETAILS

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